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H.B. No. 2657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to optional holidays for state employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 662.003(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An "optional holiday" includes any religious holiday [~~only the days on which Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Good Friday falls~~].

SECTION 2. Section 662.006, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A state employee must give the employing state agency reasonable notice of the employee's intent to take a paid day off on an optional holiday.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.